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Each of Japanese 2000 053361A; EP 1 013 599 A; DE 196 21 612 A; and JP 2002 114475 A have been cited by the European Patent Office in connection with the corresponding priority EP case.

JP 10 236 757 A discloses a remote supervisory system for an escalator in which cameras monitor portions of the escalator. Automated control means provide analysis of the camera images to determine whether a person is present in the monitored areas to allow a start/stop control to be activated.

Japanese 10 265 163 discloses an escalator control system in which an image of the escalator and periphery in which a particular object can be extracted from the picture data on a continuing basis such that a time series representation of the object can be collected. The data is compared with a standard to allow a control or guidance command to be generated.

Respectfully submitted,

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